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## **Mail Stop Amendment**

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement made in the action mailed July 29, 2010, identified Group I, claims 1-20 and 24, drawn to a ceramic material, is elected for examination.

This election is made with traverse. The above-referenced application is a national phase entry of a PCT application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Thus, PCT rules 13.1 and 13.2 must be applied when considering unity of invention. As can be seen in the International Search Report, the application meets the requirements of unity of invention, because the European Patent Office (EPO), which also had to apply the PCT rules regarding the unity of invention during the international phase, did not object to the application in this regard. The independent claims 21 (of identified Group II) and 22 (of identified Group III) recite a ceramic material with the features of the ceramic material of claim 1. Thus, there is a technical relationship between these groups, as they involve the same or a corresponding special technical feature.

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